

AN ACT relating to the safety of canines and felines.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 411 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

*(1) A person who enters the compartment of a passenger car or truck for the purpose of removing a dog or cat shall be immune from civil liability for any resulting damage to the passenger car or truck if the person:*

*(a) 1. Makes a reasonable effort to locate the owner or other person responsible for the dog or cat; and*

*2. Contacts local law enforcement, the local fire department, local animal control officers, or a 911 emergency telephone service; and*

*3. Has a reasonable and good faith belief, based on the circumstances, including but not limited to visual and auditory and sensory perception, known to the person at the time, that the dog or cat is in immediate danger of death if not removed from the passenger car or truck before emergency responders can arrive;*

*(b) Uses no more force to enter the passenger car or truck and remove the dog or cat than is reasonably necessary under the circumstances; and*

*(c) 1. Remains with the dog or cat in a safe location, out of the elements but reasonably close to the passenger car or truck, until law enforcement, firefighters, animal control officers, or other emergency responders arrive; or*

*2. Reasonably determines that emergency conditions require leaving the scene with the animal, and places written notice on the passenger car or truck containing:*

*a. The person's contact information;*

*b. The reason entry into the passenger car or truck was made;*

c. The location of the dog or cat; and

d. Notice that authorities have been contacted, specifically, which law enforcement agency or emergency services were contacted.

(2) This section does not limit a person's immunity from civil liability or defenses established in another section of the Kentucky Revised Statutes or available at common law.